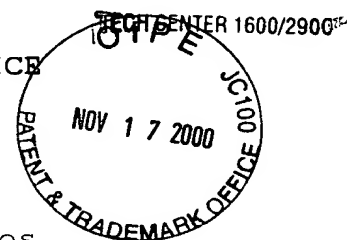


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In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1646
TOVEY et al) Examiner: J. Andres
Appln. No.: 08/853,292) Washington, D.C.
Filed: May 9, 1997) November 17, 2000
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of July 18, 2000, petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of late fee being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 1 (thrice-amended) in four-times amended form as follows:

1 (Four-times amended). A method for stimulating systemic host defense mechanisms against a pathogenic condition in a mammal, which method comprises administering to the mammal having such a condition a therapeutically effective amount of an interferon via oromucosal contact, said amount being from about 21.4 IU/kg/day to about 2.9×10^4 IU/kg/day,

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